



COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Dutchess County Planning Board

MINUTES – October 8, 2014

Present

Colleen Cruikshank

Joel Diamond

Michael Dupree

Edward Hauser

Sean Kearney

Hans Klingzahn

James Nelson

Warren Temple Smith

Jill Way

John Weisman

Randall Williams

Ron Hicks, *Presenter*

Phil DeRosa, DC Planning Federation, *Guest*

Anne Dexter, DC Planning Federation, *Guest*

Jay Trapp, DC Planning Federation, *Guest*

Absent

Rick Wilhelm

Carol Bogle, *County Attorney Liaison*

Jerry Hutchings, *Legislative Liaison*



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Lindsay Carille, *Staff*

John Clarke, *Staff*

Jennifer Cocozza, *Staff*

Emily Dozier, *Staff*

Noela Hooper, *Staff*

Brian Kehoe, *Staff*

Monica Rusko, *Staff*

Anne Saylor, *Staff*

Robert Wills, *Staff*

Eoin Wrafter, *Staff*

Chairman Joel Diamond called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM. John Weisman motioned to accept the May minutes; Hans Klingzahn seconded, and the minutes were accepted as written.

Commissioner's Update

Since several guests were present, Eoin Wrafter suggested that each person introduce himself/herself. He then updated the Board about several items. He stated that so far this year, the Planning Department has responded to 332 referrals; 93% of them within 21 days (below the 30 days required by law).

On October 15th at the Poughkeepsie Grand, there will be a Shared Services Forum. Leaders in the municipalities are encouraged to attend and consider ways to combine projects or share services, which will help to lessen the taxpayers' burden and increase government efficiency.

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Redevelopment Strategy and associated zoning public hearing is scheduled for October 22nd, and the vote will take place on November 17th.

The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan is in the final draft stage, with release expected in mid-October. It will go to the Legislature early 2015.



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The 2015 budget will soon be released. The County Executive's budget message is scheduled for October 28th at Arnoff Moving and Storage. Eoin will give a more in-depth report about the budget impacts to our department at the next Planning Board meeting.

Partnership for Manageable Growth Program Update

Noela Hooper updated the Board about the Hiddenbrooke Project. Beacon representatives had proposed the building of soccer fields on the property, but after receiving the letter listing the Planning Board's concerns, the idea was abandoned. However, we can only proceed with our funding once they have completed dealings with the State Comptroller's office.

Klose and Kesicke Projects, Red Hook: Because of our process and timeline and the fact that they were using federal funds with a short window, Scenic Hudson and Dutchess Land Conservancy went ahead and closed on both projects without County funds. We are pleased that they were completed, since both were highly-ranked projects.

Economic Development in Your Community and How it Relates to Planning & Zoning – Ron Hicks

Eoin explained that the County's Economic Development Strategy (EDS) includes an initiative of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation's (DCEDC) Economic and Community Affairs Committee to present a short course to the Dutchess County Planning Federation. Ron Hicks, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Economic Development, presented a brief overview of the presentation to get input and comments from the Planning Board and those Planning Federation board members in attendance prior to the October 30th short course. Each attendee received a flyer containing information about the program.

Subjects included:

- Infrastructure investment;
- Business retention and attraction;
- Investing in commercial corridors and focusing on town centers;
- Providing resources to municipalities to help further their Master Plans.



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Several comments and questions by the board members followed the presentation, and Ron asked that any additional suggestions be sent to him directly. It is his hope that through these initiatives, residents will become more involved in planning for and understanding economic growth in their communities. Ron may be reached at rhicks@dutchessny.gov or at 845-486-2565.

The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for November 12th at 3:30 PM.

No new business was discussed. Sean Kearney motioned to adjourn; it was seconded by Ed Hauser, and the meeting ended at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McFarlane